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SENATE BILL 744

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

L. SKIP VERNON

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE  
PERTAINING TO SPEED REGULATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-7-301 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 405, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-301. SPEED REGULATION. --

A. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a  
speed greater than:

(1) fifteen miles per hour on all highways when  
passing a school while children are going to or leaving school  
and when the school zone is properly posted;

(2) thirty miles per hour in any business or  
residence district;

(3) seventy-five miles per hour, provided that

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1 the maximum speed on interstate highways for commercial motor  
2 vehicles and any motor vehicle towing a trailer, manufactured  
3 home or another motor vehicle shall be sixty-five miles an hour;  
4 and

5 (4) the posted speed limit in construction  
6 zones, provided that the posted speed limit shall be determined  
7 by an engineering study performed by the state highway and  
8 transportation department.

9 B. In every event, speed shall be so controlled by  
10 the driver as may be necessary:

11 (1) to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle  
12 or other conveyance on or entering the highway;

13 (2) to comply with legal requirements as may be  
14 established by the state highway and transportation department  
15 or the New Mexico state police division of the department of  
16 public safety and the duty of all persons to use due care; and

17 (3) to protect workers in a construction zone.

18 C. The speed limits set forth in Subsection A of  
19 this section may be altered as authorized in Section 66-7-303  
20 NMSA 1978. "

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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18 1. On page 2, line 2, strike "trailer,".

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Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Sanchez

Absent: None

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**March 19, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

**SENATE BILL 744, as amended**

**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Thomas P. Foy, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Alwin, M P. Garcia, King, Mallory, Rios

Absent: None

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